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## Celebrate the 4th on this 236th Birthday of the USA

BY SHEL SEGAL

As the nation prepares to celebrate its 236th birthday, here is a list of patriotic ways San Gabriel Valley residents can commemorate the day:

The largest area festival takes place at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena and is known as AmericaFest. The festival starts outside the stadium at 2 p.m. At 7 p.m. the crowd inside the stadium is treated to motorcycle stunts and the Beatles tribute band known as "Liverpool Legend, Beatles Experience."

Tickets range from \$17 to \$34. Please call (626) 577-3100 or log onto [www.rosebowlstadium.com/](http://www.rosebowlstadium.com/) events for more information.

In Sierra Madre, you can attend the town's annual Fourth of July parade and see all the festivities - such as being squirted with water and watching the aging lone belly dancer make her way down the street - all while showing your colors are red, white and blue.

The parade features community members, classic cars, marching band, kids on decorated bikes and

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## Arcadia Museum Education Center dedicated

BY TERRY MILLER

A five-year project from concept to completion, the 2,500 square foot Arcadia History Museum Education center was officially dedicated last Saturday, June 28th, with appropriate fanfare, speeches, and accolades.

Long a dream of Arcadia's first female mayor Floretta Lauber, the Museum Education Center will fill a void in the museum's ability to bring in guest lecturers on various subjects of interest to Arcadia specifically.

The Museum Foundation was the founding sponsor and donated \$500,000.00 to the City of Arcadia towards the cost of the building.

Mayor John Wu presented an obviously emotional Floretta Lauber with a special commemoration which



Arcadia Mayor John Wu presents a plaque to Floretta Lauber last Saturday.

-Photo by Terry Miller

thanks her for her tireless efforts these past five years in spearheading the project. The plaque will be placed on a wall in the Education Center.

The overflow crowd was treated to a ribbon cutting ceremony followed by a special desserts buffet

reception, which was presented by the Friends of the Museum. The mayor and city council members, plus many community members, including numerous former mayors, enjoyed tours of the building. For more information, please call the Museum at (626) 574-5468.

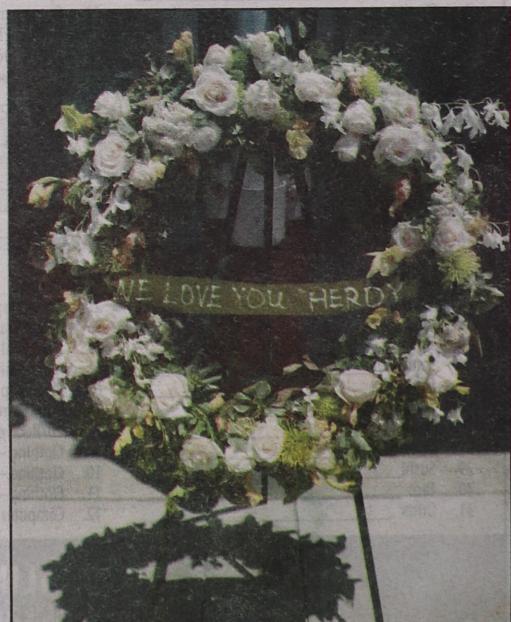
## Arcadia Firefighter died from fall, coroner says

Ventura County Sheriff's Department announced last Friday that Arcadia Fire Department Firefighter/Paramedic Mike Herdman's body was found and recovered last Friday morning in rugged terrain approximately 1200 feet above the Sespe River outside of Fillmore.

Herdman died instantly after falling from a cliff in the Sespe Wilderness of the Los Padres National Forest, the Ventura County Medical Examiner's Office disclosed Tuesday morning.

Herdman was dead for at least a few days and his injuries were "consistent with a significant fall," according to Chief Deputy Medical Examiner Armando Chavez.

Herdman's body was spotted by a helicopter



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